GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2173
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PAY COMMISSION FOR JOURNALISTS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum regarding the pay scales of working journalists/personnel working in the field of journalism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received the recommendation of Manisana Pay Commission;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the owners of the newspapers have implemented those recommendations in their respective organisations; and

(f) if not, the policy of Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) : The Manisana Wage Board set up to fix andrevise the wages of working journalists and non-journalist newspaper and news-agency employees submitted its final report recommending new Pay Scales, DA, HRA, CCA and some other allowances. The Government has accepted the recommendations with certain minor modifications with due considerations to representations received in that regard. The decisions of the Government have been notified in the Official Gazettes vide S.O. Nos.1086(E) & 1125(E) dated 5.12.2000 and 15.12.2000 respectively.

(e) and (f) : As per the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955, the responsibility of implementing the Wage Board Award lies with the States/UTs. Accordingly, all State/UT Governments have been asked to take appropriate steps for implementing the Award and to furnish status report on quarterly basis.